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Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the salient features of the Rajiv Gandhi National CrÃ¨che Scheme (RGNCS) for children of working and other deserving mothers;

(b) the funds allocated/released and utilised under the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of crÃ¨ches set up in the country and the number of beneficiaries during the said period along with the number of functional crÃ¨ches, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether this scheme has been implemented across the county, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor ;
(e) whether few districts in the country are still uncovered under this scheme, if so the time by which Government expects to implement this scheme in all of them; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to monitor supply of nutritious food to the beneficiaries of the said crÃ¨ches across the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) The main salient features of the Rajiv Gandhi National CrÃ¨che Scheme (RGNCS) are as under:

? The revised scheme is being implemented from 01.01.2016.
? The scheme focuses on children of 6 months to 6 years of working women in rural and urban areas who are employed for a minimum period of 15 days in a month, or six months in a year.
? CrÃ¨ches shall be open for 26 days in a month and for seven and half (7- Â½) hours per day as per the work schedule of majority of the mothers in the area, which may be from 7.00 a.m. to 2.30p.m., 8.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. or 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. If required, arrangements may be made for mothers who have longer working hours with extra payment for additional time at reasonable rates and on mutually agreed basis.
? Sharing Ratio of expenditure between Government and implementing NGO is now 90:10.
? One crÃ¨che worker and one helper in each crÃ¨che.
? Honorarium of crÃ¨che worker is increased to Rs. 3000/. Helper's honorarium is Rs. 1500/-.
? Supplementary nutrition has been increased to Rs. 12.00 per child per day.
? New provision of Rs. 2000/- per year is also made for Pre School Education Kit.
(b) The Ministry is implementing the Rajiv Gandhi National CrÃ¨che Scheme (RGNCS) for the children of working mothers which provide day care facilities to children of working mothers. The scheme is presently being implemented throughout the country through Central Social Welfare Board (CSWB) and India Council for Child Welfare (ICCW). Grants under the scheme are released to the Implementing Agencies and not to the State Governments. The Funds are further disbursed by the Implementing Agencies to their State Councils/ State Boards/ Non-Governmental Organisations. Grants released to the implementation Agencies are as under:-

Financial Year Grants released to Implementing Agencies ICCW & CSWB (Rs. in Crores)
2012-13 106.00
2013-14 100.06
2014-15 97.68
2015-16 (upto December 2015) 125.77

State/UT-wise funds allocated/released by CSWB and ICCW under RGNCS for the last three years and the current year to the State Boards/State Councils are at Annexure-I & Annexure- II respectively.

(c) & (d) The Scheme has been implemented across the country. State/UT-wise number of crÃ¨ches being run by CSWB & ICCW, including number of beneficiaries under RGNCS for the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-III & Annexure- IV respectively.

(e) While considering the Scheme for its continuation and enhancement of financial norms, the EFC has interalia decided that the number of crÃ¨che would not exceed 23555. Accordingly it has been decided that no new crÃ¨che will be opened under the Scheme

during 12th Five Year Plan.
(f) Under the revised Scheme, the following provisions have been made to monitor the implementation of Scheme including supply of nutritious food to the beneficiaries of the crÃ¨ches:
(i) Local level monitoring.
(ii) Monitoring by Implementing Agencies.
(iii) District level monitoring by District Monitoring Committee to be headed by the District Magistrate & assisted by the District Child Protection Unit set up under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme.
(iv) Monitoring by MWCD through Independent monitoring agencies.

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